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ANNUAL REPORT

— OF THE —

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, AND SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

— OF THE TOWN OF —

ISLESBORO,

— FOR THE —

Municipal Year Ending March 5th,

1904.

BELFAST, MAINE.
W. F. LANGILL PRINTING COMPANY,
1904.

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Report of Selectmen

TO THE INHABITANTS OF ISLESBORO:

We hereby submit our annual report of the transactions of the town and its financial condition for the year ending March 5, 1904.

VALUATION OF THE PROPERTY IN THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1903.

Real Estate of Residence,	\$174,216 00
Personal " "	60,584 02
Real Estate of Non Residence	532,625 00
Personal " " "	2,773 00
Total	<hr/> \$770,198 02

APPROPRIATIONS OF THE TOWN FOR THE YEAR 1903.

For town charges	\$2,000 00
support of common schools	1,000 00
support of poor	400 00
repairs of roads and bridges	2,000 00
graveling roads	400 00
repairing side walks.	200 00
support of and books for Free Library	225 00
text books	100 00
building State road	200 00
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	\$6,525 00

State tax	\$2,007 45	
County tax	758 33	
Overlayings	281 60	
	<hr/>	\$3,047 38
Total		<hr/> \$9,572 38

ASSESSMENTS FOR THE YEAR OF 1903.

On Real Estate of residence	\$2,090 59	
Personal " "	727 01	
Real Estate of Non Residence	6,391 50	
Personal of " "	33 28	
220 polls at \$1.50 each	330 00	
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Total		\$9,572 38

Rate of taxation .012

TOWN CHARGES.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$2,000 00	
Amount transferred to State road fund		
by a vote of the town May 8, 1903	200 00	
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Bal.	\$1,800 00	
Add overlayings	281 60	
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Total		\$2,081 60

EXPENDITURES.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid E. E. Pillsbury, printing town re- ports of 1902	\$16 10
A. H. Parker, cash paid for cleaning school houses	6 00
G. D. McCrillis, abstracts	13 00

J. A. Sprague, re-nailing shingles on town hall	\$25 00
Geo. H. Wilbur, lime and hair for town hall	2 80
J. P. Bragg, trucking for town hall	2 00
Mathews Bros., material for town hall	46 68
Brackett & Co., printing labels for text books, etc.	4 55
Lewis Herberts, blacksmith work	9 85
Nathaniel Hatch, land taken and fencing roads	66 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, books and stationery	12 00
J. A. Sprague, labor on town hall	45 60
W. B. Pendleton, trucking for town hall	1 00
E. C. Warren, trucking for town hall	50
A. H. Parker, supplies furnished schools	14 15
W. B. Pendleton, freight bills for town hall	2 25
Wright & Hall, Stove ^{and} appliances for school house	21 30
W. S. Pendleton, lumber for town hall	22 33
Spencer & Wilson, book case for text books	11 00
Dr. H. F. Dolan, vaccine supplies and vaccination	48 25
A. Philbrook, freight on dynamite	1 30
Austin Trim, expenses	8 60
R. F. Dunton, legal services	12 00
A. H. Parker, school supplies	80
F. S. Pendleton & Co., stationery and telephoning	7 21

F. S. Pendleton & Co., ^{supplies and} school re- pairs and town hall	19 66
L. N. Gilkey, supplies for and cleaning school houses	13 05
F. S. Pendleton & Co., blasting tools, etc.	54 49
F. S. Pendleton & Co., supplies for town hall	28 62
W. B. Pendleton, janitor for town hall	15 00
J. P. Bragg, clerk, return of births	5 50

\$536 59

REPAIRS ON SCHOOL HOUSES.

Paid A. H. Parker, repairs on school houses	\$35 17
W. H. Coombs, repairs on school houses	8 00
H. J. Limeburner, repairs on school houses	5 50
Hatch & Weymouth, repairs on school houses	39 92
W. S. Pendleton, lumber	8 33
F. S. Pendleton & Co., material	24 13
L. N. Gilkey, repairs on school houses	4 70

\$125 75

SNOW BILLS.

Paid J. H. McFarland,	labor, 1902	\$ 3 40
W. H. Coombs	" "	3 40
B. F. Williams	" "	1 20
Geo. Keller	" "	90
Geo. F. Williams	" "	6 00

Paid M. A. Bowden	labor 1902	\$ 1 10
Leroy Taft	" "	2 40
Wm. F. Keller	" "	2 70
Wm. F. Adams	" 1903	79
F. S. Pendleton & Co., many snow, bills, 1903		136 60
H. I. Randlett,	labor	5 90
Edw. Randlett	"	5 90
J. H. McFarland	"	5 20
Herbert McFarland	"	4 20
Frank Ladd	"	6 60
Joseph W. Clark	"	7 30
E. J. Clark	"	2 40
Wm. Ladd	"	3 20
Geo. K. Willey	"	8 40
Geo. F. Keller	"	11 95
J. A. Sprague	"	3 45
E. M. Thomas	"	10 60
L. T. Fairfield	"	2 40
Geo. F. Williams	"	10 00
R. M. Pendleton	"	17 60

\$263 55

PAY OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid J. O. Elwell, police officer, 1902	\$ 5 00
Z. J. Williams, services and ex- penses <i>assumpt of schools</i>	105 30
D. A. Warren, moderator	2 00
L. N. Gilkey, collector commis- sion, bills of 1902	63 34
L. N. Gilkey, collector commis- sion, bills of 1903	250 00
Austin Trim, assessor, selectman, and overseer of the poor	150 00
W. S. Pendleton, assessor, select- man, and overseer of poor	50 00

J. A. Sprague, assessor, selectman, and overseer of poor	\$50 00	
J. P. Bragg, services as clerk	35 00	
A. H. Parker, services as treasurer	60 00	
E. L. Sprague, services as constable	7 00	
J. A. Sprague, services as health officer	4 00	
W. B. Pendleton, services as health officer	6 00	
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		\$787 64

ABATEMENTS.

TAX BILLS OF 1902.

Paid Ella L. Coombs	\$ 1 44	
Martin A. Coombs	1 50	
T. J. Decker	3 66	
J. G. Decker	1 50	
A. A. Decker	1 50	
Ellen Fairfield	1 80	
B. G. Gilkey	24	
Herbert Gray	1 50	
S. W. Haynes	2 89	
L. R. Pendleton	18	
Laura J. Scott	2 70	
E. B. Williams	1 50	
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		\$20 41
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Total		\$1,733 94
Amount unexpended		\$347 66

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

E. S. PREBLE, COMMISSIONER.

Appropriation		\$2,000 00
Paid J. W. Clark, labor	\$ 17 00	
B. F. Williams "	50 10	

Paid A. G. Nelson	labor	\$ 1 00
Edward Parker	"	52 50
Geo. Willey	"	69 50
E. S. Preble	"	246 60
Geo. Rolerson	"	23 00
Walter Adams	"	33 20
J. H. McFarland	"	34 20
Wm. Clark	"	20 60
Wm. Coombs	"	19 20
C. E. Coombs	"	80
W. F. Adams	"	2 00
Walter Decker	"	21 90
J. P. Bragg	"	75 00
Geo. Collins	"	20 20
E. A. Bunker	"	6 00
M. R. Trim	"	33 50
L. E. Taft	"	1 50
Austin Trim	"	18 00
W. M. Whitcomb	"	11 60
Geo. Keller	"	41 70
W. H. Coombs	"	1 50
D. E. Carver	"	17 20
E. A. Wyman	"	18 80
F. W. Adams	"	10 60
W. S. Pendleton, lumber		57 60
R. M. Pendleton	"	28 00
Clifford Pendleton	"	4 00
A. S. Moody	"	15 00
L. M. Fairfield	"	16 00
M. A. Bowden	"	2 70
M. R. Trim	"	7 60
W. F. Keller	"	24 50
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		\$1,002 60

R. M. PENDLETON, COMMISSIONER.

Paid F. A. Randlett,	labor	\$30 00
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A. F. Quimby	labor	\$ 12 00
J. A. Small	"	1 00
S. D. Pendleton	"	6 00
P. V. Fairfield	"	1 00
C. M. Pendleton	"	47 20
I. E. Pendleton	"	62 70
John Pendleton	"	27 00
F. D. Pendleton	"	8 85
W. W. Haynes	"	75 20
Frank Ladd	"	19 20
D. A. Warren	"	3 00
G. L. Pendleton	"	31 20
Clifford Pendleton	"	37 60
D. L. Pendleton	"	43 00
Melvin A. Dodge	"	13 20
M. Z. Dodge	"	15 00
W. J. Dodge	"	8 20
Nathan Pendleton	"	56 18
Geo. B. Pendleton	"	12 00
E. G. Pendleton	"	10 00
J. R. Haynes	"	6 00
J. O. Pendleton	"	29 44
Harry Hatch	"	5 00
Marion Pendleton	"	5 00
James O. Elwell	"	38 00
Judson Dodge	"	11 00
R. M. Pendleton	"	285 80
R. J. Durgin	"	1 00
L. R. Pendleton	"	1 00
F. Howard	"	1 00
Abraham Dodge	"	22 20
E. S. Preble	"	40 40
Geo. H. Wilbur	"	1 75
J. W. Pendleton	"	3 00
Frank Flanders	"	19 20
Everett Ames	"	1 00
L. K. Pendleton	"	7 40

W. S. Pendleton, material	\$74 39
F. S. Pendleton & Co., dynamite, and repairs on road machine	45 18
M. E. Boardman, material	3 00
A. W. Clark, syle pipe for cross- way	3 00

Total

\$1,123 29

2,125 89

Amount overdrawn

\$ 125 89

GRAVELING ROADS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$400 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid A. F. Quimby, labor	\$ 34 00
Geo. F. Williams, gravel furnish- ed	172 00
W. W. Haynes, labor	14 40
R. M. Pendleton "	144 00
Geo. H. Wilbur "	6 00

\$370 40

Unexpended balance

29 60

STATE ROAD.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$400 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid Nathan Pendleton, labor	\$ 18 00
James A. Small "	12 00
Pearl V. Fairfield "	23 00
I. E. Pendleton "	33 00

I. E. Pendleton	labor	\$33 00
F. A. Randlett	"	18 00
R. J. Durgin	"	6 00
Frank Ladd	"	4 00
D. A. Warren, trucking and ma- terial		64 00
C. M. Pendleton	labor	36 00
G. L. Pendleton	"	34 00
D. L. Pendleton	"	19 00
Geo. B. Pendleton	"	9 00
J. O. Pendleton	"	9 00
W. W. Haynes	"	5 00
John Pendleton	"	5 00
Frank Flanders	"	5 00
W. J. Dodge	"	5 00
M. Z. Dodge	"	3 00
R. M. Pendleton	"	84 00
Marion Pendleton	"	5 00
Harry Hatch	"	5 00
Riley Haynes	"	5 00
Abraham Dodge	"	5 00
Clifford Pendleton	"	5 00

Total

\$417 00

Amount overdrawn

\$ 17 00

SIDE WALKS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation

\$200 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid W. S. Pendleton, lumber	\$195 64
J. O. Pendleton, labor	37 00
John Pendleton "	12 00
J. H. McFarland "	7 20
Hatch & Weymouth, labor and material	2 25

P. L. Rolerson, labor	2 00
F. S. Pendleton & Co., supplies	3 50

Total	\$259 59
Amount overdrawn	\$ 59 59

FREE LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$225 00
Balance unexpended, 1902	11 89
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	\$236 89

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Agnes Williams, services as librarian	\$ 5 00
Loring, Short & Harmon, books for Free Library	156 30
E. M. Pond, assisting librarian	13 00
J. H. Limeburner, labor	6 48
Harold Pendleton, one book	1 00
D. P. Palmer, books	2 50
W. S. Pendleton, fuel and lumber	9 81
F. C. Pendleton, rent	20 00
Alice L. Pendleton, books and expenses	12 00
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Total	\$226 09
Balance unexpended	\$ 10 80

SEWER.

RECEIPTS.

Bonds sold and cash on hand March 3, 1903	\$3,059 05
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid C. M. Pendleton, labor	\$24 75
M. G. Blake, "	43 00
Fernald Howard, "	85 00
R. P. Durgin "	28 00
David Dyer, "	6 00
Walter Hall "	49 00
Fred Patterson, "	20 00
M. L. Pendleton, "	87 00
L. R. Pendleton, "	41 00
Allie Small, "	29 00
Eugene Farnsworth "	65 00
Fred White, "	17 00
Frank Ladd, "	16 00
Pearl Fairfield, "	30 00
Archie Parker, "	44 00
H. P. Farrow, services as engineer and superintending Con.	42 41
John Collins, labor	12 00
A. R. Perkins "	5 00
E. L. Gray, "	5 00
A. Wilson, "	12 00
C. Ellemes, "	12 75
T. H. Field, "	7 75
M. C. Collins, "	6 00
R. W. Crooker "	12 00
R. L. Gray, "	11 00
A. Cameron. "	12 00
F. E. Young, "	12 00
Jasper Gray, "	24 00
O. W. Gray, "	5 00
A. Carter, "	6 00
Elery E. Pendleton "	26 00
Harry Hatch, "	67 00
D. L. Pendleton, "	35 65
H. A. Dodge. for pails	60

G. L. Pendleton, labor	\$ 20 00
Fred R. Spear, material	42 19
Knowlton Bros. "	20 30
Cooper & Co. "	3 40
John W. Pendleton, casting	11 50
L. F. Pendleton, lumber	5 13
M. W. Tilden, blacksmith work	90
Lewis Herberts, "	9 25
George H. Wilbur, labor and material	170 49
F. S. Pendleton & Co., iron pipe	950 58
Frank Pendleton, labor	4 00
D. H. Smith, agt. freight bills,	5 06
Malcomb McLeoud, rubber mittens	1 45
A. F. Quimby, blacksmith work	4 10
J. A. Sprague, labor	63 20
Chadwick Boston Lead Co., lead	103 45
Lester L. Engstrom, labor	6 00
Duplex Roller Bushing Co., man-hole cover	15 00
D. N. Bird, labor and superintending the construction, and expenses	181 75
Leslie C. Pendleton, labor	54 00
Everett Dean, labor	36 00
Hatch & Weymouth, labor and material	17 07
Wm. F. Adams, labor	80 00
J. C. Durham, supplies	13 35
A. M. Wilbur, cartage	3 25
Joseph Tyler, tools and blackwork	5 75
R. B. Herrick, telephone messages	3 10
C. H. Boardman, trucking	2 00
Geo. T. Reed, packing	1 80
W. B. Pendleton, agt. freight bills	4 15
D. A. Warren, trucking	18 35
Belfast Water Co.	14 34

Belfast Fuel & Hay Co., charcoal	\$ 5 40
Austin Trim, labor	10 00
J. H. Pendleton, "	24 00
Robert Trim, "	24 00
W. S. Pendleton, lumber	18 13
A. G. Nelson, labor	14 00
L. W. Coombs, freight	75
F. S. Pendleton & Co., supplies	21 65

\$2,987 75

Unexpended balance \$ 71 30

SUPPORT OF POOR.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation \$400 00

EXPENDITURES.

Paid E. J. Dodge, support of M. J. Brown	\$130 00
Town of Camden, rent, supplies and support of Fred E. Brown and family.	115 55
Fred S. Pendleton & Co., supplies for poor	12 26

Total \$257 81

Amount unexpended 142 19

COMMON SCHOOLS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Received from State	723 52
Unexpended balance, 1902	202 20

Total \$1,925 72

EXPENDITURES.

Paid for teaching	\$1,155 00	
board	568 50	
fuel	105 77	
janitors	17 75	
transportation of scholars	36 00	
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Total		\$1,883 02
Unexpended balance		42 70

TEXT BOOKS.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation	\$100 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Paid American Book Co., text books	\$15 56	
Ginn & Co., " "	39 74	
Sanborn & Co. " "	14 59	
Silver, Burdett & Co " "	33 15	
Edwin E. Babb " "	23 27	
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Total		\$126 31
Amount overdrawn		26 31

BALANCES UNEXPENDED.

Miscellaneous	\$247 66	
Graveling roads	29 60	
Free Library	10 80	
Sewer	71 30	
Support of Poor	142 19	
Common Schools	42 70	
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	\$644 25	
Less order issued by mistake	20 00	
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		\$624 25

BALANCE OVERDRAWN.

Roads and Bridges	\$125 89	
State road	17 00	
Side walks	59 59	
Text Books	26 31	
	<hr/>	\$228 79
Net amount unexpended		395 46

SUMMARY.

Whole amount of orders drawn		\$10,407 80
Miscellaneous	\$ 536 59	
Repairs on school houses	125 75	
Snow bill	263 55	
Pay of town officers	787 64	
Road and bridges	2,125 89	
Graveling roads,	370 40	
State road	417 00	
Side walks	259 59	
Free library	226 09	
Sewer	2,987 75	
Support of poor	257 81	
Support of common schools	1,883 02	
Text books	126 31	
Abatements	20 41	
Order issued by mistake	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$10,407 80

FINANCES OF THE TOWN.

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury	\$ 53 23	
Non residence tax deeds	83 37	
Due on tax bills of 1903	983 10	
	<hr/>	\$1,019 70

LIABILITIES

Outstanding order No. 16 to E. J. Clark

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\$ 4 00

Outstanding bonds

3,500 00

Interest on same

47 00

\$3,551 00

Balance against town

\$2,531 30

AUSTIN TRIM

W. S. PENDLETON,

J. A. SPRAGUE,

} Selectmen
of
} Islesboro.

Treasurer's Report.

*A. H. Parker, Treasurer,
in account with the town of Islesboro.*

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Paid selectmen's orders	\$10,407 80	
State tax	2,007 45	
County tax	758 33	
Interest on town notes	60 00	
" " " orders	13 20	
State for dog licenses for year 1903	26 00	
State, error on dog license for 1902	2 00	
Interest on sewer bonds	120 00	
Postage, stationery telephone	4 60	
Non resident tax deeds	83 87	
	<hr/>	\$13,483 25
Town note to J. F. Grindle	500 00	
Interest on above note	4 10	
Town note to Laban K. Pendleton	500 00	
Interest on above note	1 63	
	<hr/>	\$1,005 73
Cash in Treasury Feb. 27, 1904		53 23
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		\$14,542 21

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Mar. 3	Cash in Treasury		\$ 194 84
	Rec'd on tax bills, 1902	\$1,238 92	
	“ “ “ 1903	8,599 00	
	“ from State Treasurer		
Apr. 15	Reimbursements dog license for year 1902	14 09	
May 25	Rec'd from State acc't of Free High Schools, 1902	157 50	
July 31	Rec'd from G. W. C. Drexel for license to build wharf at Ryder's Cove	5 00	
	Rec'd from Town Clerk dog license for 1903	26 00	
Aug. 21	Rec'd from State for Free Library	20 00	
Dec. 5	Rec'd from R. N. Pendleton for old road machine &c.	16 23	
	Rec'd from J. F. Fairfield for old school house in Dist. No. 6	26 00	

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Jan. 9	Rec'd State on acct. of Free library	20 00	
29	Rec'd from J. A. Sprague acct. error in order 94	20 00	
	Rec'd State school fund and mill tax	723 52	
Feb. 19	Rec'd State on acct State Road	200 00	
23	Rec'd W. S. Pendleton for rent of town hall	132 12	
	Rec'd by sale sewer bonds	3,000 000	
	“ accrued interest on bonds sold	65 07	
	Rec'd non resident tax deeds	83 87	
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			\$14,347 32
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			\$14,542 21

A. H. PARKER, Treasurer of Islesboro.

Islesboro, March 5. 1904

Report of Superintendent of Schools.

The following report of Superintendent of Schools for the year 1903 is herewith respectfully submitted.

SCHOOL FUND.

Balance from 1902	\$ 202 20
Appropriated by town	1,000 00
Received from State	723 53
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Total	\$1,925 73

LIST OF TEACHERS AND SALARIES.

SUMMER TERM.

Letitia Hatch	10 weeks	\$ 7 50	\$ 75 00
Agnes A. Williams	"	7 50	75 00
Edna M. Sawyer	"	12 00	120 00
Elizabeth A. Warren	"	4 00	40 00
Isabelle Coombs	"	11 00	110 00
Ina Lancaster	"	9 00	90 00
Effie P. Hatch	"	6 50	65 00
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Cost of summer term			\$575 00

FALL TERM.

Addie Randlett	10 weeks	\$ 8 00	\$ 80 00
Leslie E. Smith	"	8 00	80 00

Edna M. Sawyer	10 weeks	\$12 00	\$120 00
Plizabeth A. Warren	"	4 00	40 00
Isabelle Coombs	"	11 00	110 00
Ina Lancaster	"	10 00	100 00

Cost of fall term		\$530 00
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WINTER TERM.

Agnes Ward	10 weeks	\$10 00	\$100 00
Agnes A. Williams	"	9 50	95 00
Edna M. Sawyer	"	12 00	120 00
Elizabeth A. Warren	"	6 00	60 00
Isabelle Coombs	"	11 00	110 00
F. Stewart Grindell	"	12 50	130 00

Total winter		\$610 00
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Total for year's teaching and board		\$1,720 00
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ATTENDANCE.

SCHOOLS.	WHOLE NUMBER.			AVERAGE.		
	SUM.	FALL	WIN.	SUM.	FALL	WIN.
Parker	24	25	27	21	22	22
Ryder	40	42	33	33	32	22
Pendleton Grammar	34	33	38	29	29	28
Pendleton Primary	24	27	21	20	20	13
West Side	16	18	17	14	15	13
Dark Harbor	25	29	33	22	23	26
Acre Island	6			5		
Totals	169	174	169	141	141	124

For the most part the schools have been very successful, and have been managed without friction. Three teachers have remained in the same place throughout the year, which is a step in the right direction which has not been taken before. Only one school, the one at Dark Harbor, has had three different teachers during the year.

Already a feeling of emulation is showing itself, the pupils in our schools showing an interest in what other schools are doing, and a desire to be as far advanced as in the other schools.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ACCOUNT.

23½ d. vis. sch. census &c. \$2.00	\$47 00
10 d. Miss. work \$2.00	20 00
Paid J. P. Bragg, 23 d. horse hire \$1.00	23 00
Wm. Ladd 1 " " "	1 50
Leslie Pendleton " " "	25
Russel Pendleton, ferrying	75
Legal advice \$1.00, telephone 30c	1 30
Stationery	4 00
	————\$97 80

SUMMARY.

Personal services	\$67 00
Horse hire	24 75
Incidental expenses	6 05
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Total cost of superintendence	\$97 80

Of course the most serious handicap in the performance of the duties of superintendent has been the want of a horse and carriage.

It is not always easy to so arrange the work that a full day's work can be done on a certain day so that one feels that the town is getting the worth of a full day's work of Supt. and horse. This was especially true in the summer and early fall, so that two and one-half days of the horse-hire was charged to the Supt's private account, and no charge made for her over time, and she "played on her way home."

TEXT BOOKS.

When application was made to the town clerk for the appropriation for text books, by some strange and unfortunate

mistake the amount given was \$125.00, and that was the amount counted upon in the purchase of the books.

Small geographies were exchanged, which would not have been done had it been known there was only \$100 to expend.

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT.

Appropriated by town		\$100 00
Paid Ginn & Co., Boston	\$39 74	
American Book Co.	15 36	
Benj. H. Sanborn	14 59	
Edw. E. Babb & Co.	23 27	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	33 15	
Brackett & Co., Belfast, labels	4 55	
American Express	1 00	
Wm. Ladd, trucking	75	
J. P. Bragg, trucking and express	3 25	
Leslie Pendleton, trucking and express	1 00	
Russell Pendleton, moving books	75	
Amy Pendleton, trucking	25	
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Total	\$137 66	
Overdrawn		\$37 66

A new line of language books were put in which have proved a signal success. The few which had been put in before have been kept as desk copies. Teachers need, as a rule, more than one language book.

The town is very well stocked with text books. The readers do not need to be changed for years, Harper's geographies give a good working knowledge of geography, when one leaves the common school, and that is all that is required of it. Frye's geography does not do that it is believed.

The spelling books are just what are needed. Kerl's grammars are better than anything else known at present for the common school, as has been proved by its outliving so many rivals.

It might not be a bad thing to change arithmetics, but is not advisable, especially just now, when classes are gradually settling into their places in the different grades. The text book is a good one, and it is best to "let well enough alone." Barnes' histories are all right.

Changes in text books should be made with much care. The stories of book firms are full of beauties, but the test of a text book is in the using. In histories, especially, is there need of careful consideration before changing a text book. Histories leave out as a rule, things that should be in them. The time is at hand when there will be things in them which should be left out.

The books have been numbered and charged to the different schools.

Each pupil's book can be charged to him, and he be held responsible for its condition.

Blank lists have been furnished the teachers at the close of each term, to contain an account of every book in the school and its condition. One has been furnished for the teacher's own use, and a duplicate for the superintendent, so that the number of books and their condition is always at hand.

The schools at the present writing are well stocked with books, and with constant looking after, no large sum need be spent in keeping them up next year. Some Kerl's grammars need to be bought, and some of the smaller classes need more books, as they settle into their proper places. Of course more books are needed where each pupil has his place in his grade, and the books that belong to that grade, than where each pupil studies what he pleases and there is one text book in use where there should be perhaps three or four. Books have been poured into these schools this year, until the general condition is much better than at the beginning of the year. When new books were put in the children were told that they should last four years. They can be made to with proper care. One man has been heard to say that the town should appropriate \$200 this year to put the books in condition. That is all nonsense. The town needs to do no such thing. There is

nothing gained in buying new books for pupils who have just destroyed other new ones. It is putting a premium on destruction of books. An appropriation of \$125.00 ought to keep the supply up.

One looking at the attendance sheet will see that the whole number of pupils registered in the largest term, was only one hundred seventy-four, so that the number of books needed ought not to be very large.

Book covers and gummed paper and cloth for the repair of books should be bought. It would have been done this year had the money held out. Make the pupils take care of what books they have, and when they are destroyed get new ones at their fathers' expense, and destroying text books will go out of fashion.

The State book shows no appropriation of less than \$150., but it is not believed to be needed this year.

Putting the books in condition is a very glib phrase to use in obtaining an appropriation. How long will they stay in condition if they are not looked after and brought to the school and every book accounted for at the end of each term?

In the spring a box of new books were sent to Acre Island, supposing those at the school house had been brought back. When the box came back twelve new books were missing, and books were in it that were not put in when it went to the island. One of these books had the name of a pupil in the Parker district, and a new geography bore the name of a former pupil in the Pendleton school. Where this happened is not known, but it seems it must have been between the time of being brought back to the island, and being brought home by the superintendent.

The items in the book account are all net. All discounts for quantities have been turned in to the town as the bills in the selectmen's office will show. The discounts on two orders in the spring just about paid the horse hire for that term, \$11.

With the approval of the chairman of the committee a case for the stock of books necessary to be kept on hand was

bought, to be paid for from the contingent fund. The cost was \$11.50. The case is a good one, and should a high school be established, it is just the thing for its library, should it be thought too good for the superintendent's office. It has the merit of looking very respectable.

GRADING.

Early in the spring term, in obedience to what seemed to be a wish of at least a part of the people, an attempt was made to reduce the school to something like a graded system. Courses of study furnished by the State superintendent were put into the hands of the teachers, and they were asked to bring their schools into line with them as far as possible. The course provides for five grades based upon the five readers. These can easily be subdivided into ten grades if it should be found desirable.

It is of no use to say this cannot be done here, because what is done in other places can be done here.

The schools should send out a graduating class every year, and have union graduation exercises at the town hall, and diplomas should be given the pupils. They would then have a definite object in view, would know where they are in their studies, and have it to look forward to that they should *finish something. It can be done.*

In results the Pendleton school stands first and the Parker next. There is a good graded school at the Pendleton district, which in two or three years can be graded closely enough for all practical purposes. This grading must of course, be a work of time and teachers. A school system can be evolved only by management of the teachers, under intelligent supervision.

A capable, efficient, faithful teacher should be retained permanently. An inefficient, lazy, unwilling teacher should be dropped and sent to "Seek green fields and pastures new."

One accustomed to this constant change of teachers cannot realize the waste of time, energy, and all the forces of the

school-room that lies in this one thing. A teacher who exhausts herself in one term is not worth keeping. "Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good," applies in schools as well as anywhere in the world. One term is necessary to become well enough acquainted with pupils to do one's best for them. This is especially true in trying to evolve a graded system. A good beginning is already made that can be carried to a successful termination, or can be upset easily and chaos reign again.

SCHOOL PROPERTY.

One of the most deplorable things to be met here is the wanton destruction of school property. In the spring one of the entries in our school was piled up with the mangled remains of school furniture. The books, of course, were in corresponding stages of delapidation and filth. In our school room what had been some kind of a map, was rolled into a wad not quite so large as one's head, and kicking about the floor. Children as a rule are not going to take overmuch pains to take care of public property unless they are obliged to. They should be obliged to. Severe measures are not so much necessary in these matters as a constant looking after.

Public sentiment must support all these things in order to make a success of a school system.

A feeling of actual resentment was encountered more than once in trying to make some kind of plans to preserve the books. "The books don't belong to her, they belong to the town," seemed to be the verdict in some cases. The idea of trying to preserve anything belonging to the town seemed an innovation not to be tolerated.

BUILDINGS.

In buildings, the safety of pupils comes first, and then their comfort. The rest follows naturally.

Teacher and pupils have suffered during the bitter weather of this winter in the west side school house on account

of the building not being underpinned. If the buildings are ready for cold weather the warm weather will take care of itself.

One of the first things to be done is to construct some kind of shelter for coal and wood, protected from rain and snow by a roof and from the chilly citizen by locks and keys. This might be in the form of an addition to the back of the building, and be large enough to hold the year's supply of fuel, and for closets at the back.

The dressing rooms should be painted and varnished, and hooks put in for the clothing of the pupils.

A coal bin made of the place where children should hang their clothes, does not improve said clothes.

These entries are a source of mortification to any one having pride in his town. Great gaping chasms in the lath and plaster, split and splintered doors, tattered paper make an exhibit which causes one to wince at the advent of a stranger.

It is suggested that the ceilings be made of matched boards as already done in some houses, as a preventive of injury from falling pieces of plaster.

It is also suggested that when new doors must be bought, solid hard wood ones be used in place of the cheaper ones. Ceilings and walls all need new paint and paper. The cheapest decorations in the world are paint, varnish and paper.

THE NEW LAW.

One of the worst things which any school board has been obliged to meet for many years, and it may be said in the history of the State is the law entitled "An Act for the better Educaion of Youth," approved March, 1903, but which should have been called "An Act for the Extinction of the Public Schools."

This law at the first reading seems innocent enough because our school laws heretofore have been passed with sole reference to the public school. This is passed with reference to denominational and other private tuition schools. The

smaller towns are completely at the mercy of these schools. The schools of all denominations, Methodist, Baptist, Congregationalist and Roman Catholic, are to be engaged in a mad scramble for the public treasury.

One of the first things from the office at Augusta was a warning not to alarm the tax payers of the smaller towns.

After April 1904, "solicitors" are to be sent out from these schools without consulting the school officers, and we shall see what we shall see. After a pupil has been enticed into a school and has been there three terms or a school year, certificates stating that he is fitted for the school he is in should be signed without any examination to tell whether he has learned anything in that time or not.

Notice that while the limit of what the State will reimburse the town is \$250.00, there is no limit to the amount for which the town is liable. At \$10.00 per term for four years these certificates have a maximum value of \$120.00.

A careful count of the number of pupils in the high schools of 1901 and 1902 show fifty-eight different pupils, where tuition at the maximum rate allowed by the law would cost \$6,960.00 if all were able to leave town.

The law says, "Any youth," and that takes in all persons under twenty-one years of age. If anyone follows this law out to its ultimate possibilities he will be appalled. It is the most diabolical thing ever put upon the statute books of Maine.

There was never so urgent need of "tried men and true" upon the school board as at the present. One of the worst things about the law is the opportunities for corruption in school officials.

The record of our representative upon this matter should be very carefully looked into. The only escape from it is either the high school or repeal. The law has been long in preparation, and its promoters carefully studied their ground, and tremendous pressure of influence, money, intimidation, was no doubt brought to bear upon the members of the legislature which passed it.

The extra session of the legislature last Sept. was no doubt called to prevent one this winter for its repeal.

It is not believed the law is constitutional or can be enforced, but that can only be proved by law suits. The small rural towns of small valuation, which are the helpless victims of this law are afraid to have law suits because they are not able to bear the expense.

Three young men of whose character and attainments there is not the least possible doubt have been granted certificates this year.

The law is very unjust in that it provides for the payment of tuition of pupils able to go out of town and pay their board, while the poor boys and girls of equal attainments must be without high school training.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The new law makes imperative the establishing of a high school giving a four years course of secondary instruction. The town needs a high school, and is able to have one, but is not able to have two. This school must have the usual school year. The pupils should be through with the common school at fifteen, and have something to look forward to besides going over the same old ground year after year until they are tired of the whole of it.

The coming man is a college man, and our young people should have the same opportunities as those in other places. It should be a source of mortification to every citizen that they do not have. "The world do move," and the town must keep in step or fall behind the procession.

The master of this school should be a college graduate, able to fit pupils for college. He should be a scholar and a gentleman, a man of learning and dignity, able to take his place among other high school masters, and able to reflect credit upon the town.

The building might be at first some small building used heretofore for some other purpose. A room might be made

of two or three in the house where the public library is, as that is a most important adjunct to the high school. Or the school building at the Pendleton school might be raised and a high school room be in the upper story where the primary pupils are now, and some addition be made for a room for the little ones. They really should be on the ground floor.

It might then be cheaper to convey the pupils from the west side to all three schools, then to employ another teacher. There are only about eighteen there now.

In some of the rural towns of Massachusetts and Ohio, and in other parts of the west, large central schools are maintained, all the pupils in the town being conveyed there and having the advantages of the best city schools and teachers, a fine building, and all modern appliances, making the country the ideal place to live in, and removing the only possible objection to country life, the want of modern schools.

Of course the really most central site is the town hall, if there were only a room there that could be utilized.

TRUANT OFFICER.

The town needs one good truant officer, a solid responsible citizen who shall make his rounds as regularly as any policeman, and administer the law without fear.

APPROPRIATIONS,

It is recommended that the school appropriations be based upon actual estimates, fixing the number of weeks in the school year, and the salaries paid in the different schools, instead of being made in the miserable, hap-hazard, get-what-you-can-out-of-it way in which it is done now.

Thanks are tendered to Mr. Trim, chairman of the board of selectmen for help and helpful suggestions.

ZILPHA J. WILLIAMS,

Superintendent of Schools, 1903.

